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MINUTES

OF THE

Twenty-Fourth Annual Session

OF THE

JUDSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE

Bethel Church, Barber County, Ala.

ON THE

Third and Fifth Days of October, 1874.

OFFICERS:

ELD L. R. SIMS, - - - - - - Moderator.
ELD. D. ROGERS, - - - - - - Clerk.

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ORDAINED MINISTERS.

L. R. Sims,	Franklin.
P. Belcher,	"
B. Herndon,	"
D. Rogers,	Gordon.
Z. Knowles,	Headland.
E. M. Knowles,	Columbia.
R. A. Crawford,	Gordon.
D. Whidden,	Abbeville.
M. Brackin,	"
A. L. Martin,	"
J. Tylar,	Eufaula.
S. J. Knowles,	Abbeville.
T. N. Knowles,	"
Wm. A. Cumbie,	"
J. C. Skipper,	Dothan.
Wm. Brunar,	Columbia.
T. S. Scott,	"

MINUTES.

The Judson Association convened in its twenty-third annual session with the Church at Bethel, Barber county, October 3d, 1874.

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. A. L. Martin, upon Luke xi. 23, "He that is not with me is against me." Singing and prayer by D. Rogers.

At 2 o'clock the body was called to order by Eld. L. R. Sims. Prayer by Eld. J. M. Poyner.

Letters from the churches were read by Brethren Davis and Bunker, and the following delegates' names enrolled:

Abbeville—A. L. Martin and W. Nobles.

Adaniram—R. H. Hall and Thos. Miller.

Beulah—Geo. W. Harris and Stephen Ray.

Bluff Springs—Wm. Bruner.

Bethel, Barber—Geo. Walker and R. Jorden.

Camp Springs—Geo. Pope and Louis Parmer.

Columbia—Jno. T. Davis and F. M. Bunker.

Concord—Z. Knowles.

Ebenezer—Richard Wiggins.

Fellowship—Wm. A. Cumbie and P. H. Askew.

Gordon—Letter, no delegates.

Harmony—James Brown.

Hebron—E. W. Knowles and A. J. Armstrong.

Judson—J. W. Malone, G. L. Flemings and Wm. Guisendina.

Liberty—J. C. Whitaker and Wm. Whitaker.

Mt. Pleasant (B.)—R. D. Richards and S. I. Belcher.

Mt. Pleasant (D.)—Aris Armstrong and W. F. Roberson.
New Hope—Wm. Y. Fleming and L. M. Seymore.
Oakey Grove—D. Whidden and Jno. Roney.
Pleasant Plains—A. F. Stanton.
Pleasant Grove—M. V. Capps and Jno. H. Spivy.
Pilgrims Rest—D. Rogers, D. Williams and T. S. Stapleton.
Pleasant Hill—R. A. Crawford.
Sardis—J. H. Davis and Neal Johnson.
Shorterville—L. R. Sims and B. W. Irwin.
Tolbert—M. P. Shelley and B. W. Herring.
Walnut Grove—T. T. Smith and A. W. Whidden.

The body elected Eld. L. R. Sims Moderator, and D. Rogers Clerk, Elds. Joel Sims and J. M. Poyner tellers.

Called for petitionary letters, and received Smyrna Church, the Moderator extending the right hand of welcome to her delegates, viz: B. A. Forrister and W. F. Jordan.

CALLED FOR CORRESPONDENCE

And received from the Newton Association—Eld. J. M. Poyner and Bro. J. C. Morris.

From the Eufaula—Eld. Joel Sims, and Bros. S. A. Sims, R. I. Richards and C. I. McRee.

RETURNED CORRESPONDENCE

To the West Florida—L. R. Sims, D. Rogers, E. M. Knowles, D. Whidden, D. Williams, T. S. Stapleton and Wm. Bruner.

To the Newton—Eld. P. Belcher and Bro. L. B. Pitts.

To the Eufaula—L. R. Sims, P. Belcher, A. L. Martin and J. Tyler.

To the Bethel, Ga.—L. R. Sims, D. Rogers, E. M. Knowles and J. H. Davis.

Appointed the following

COMMITTEE ON PREACHING.

A. Stanton, J. W. Malone, D. Whidden, and the delegates of Bethel Church.

The committee on preaching appointed Bro. Bruner to

preach Saturday night, Bro. L. R. Sims Sabbath at 11 o'clock and Bro. J. M. Poyner at 2 o'clock. Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Monday. Prayer by Bro. Z. Knowles.

Bro. W. A. Cumbrie preached at the stand 2 o'clock Saturday, and Bro. Bruner in the church at night. The following committees were announced by the Moderator:

On Documents—J. T. Davis, T. T. Smith and A. W. Whidden.

On Nominations—A. J. Armstrong, W. C. Gisendenar and G. W. Fleming.

On Deceased Ministers—F. M. Bunker, D. Whidden and W. A. Cumbie.

On Finance—T. S. Stapleton, J. H. Davis and P. H. Askew.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Missions—John T. Davis and F. M. Bunker.

On Sabbath-schools—A. L. Martin, Z. Knowles and E. M. Knowles.

SABBATH.

At 9 o'clock the congregation met at the stand, and after spending an hour in delightful music, devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. J. T. Davis.

At 11 o'clock Bro. L. R. Sims preached upon Rev. xvii. 14. "These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful."

The congregation was *very large* and the sermon interesting, instructive, impressive and animating. At the close of the services $9.55 was collected for missions.

At 2 o'clock, Bro. J. M. Poyner preached a good sermon upon 2 Cor. v. 18. "All things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation."

At the same hour Bro. Z. Knowles preached in the house.

At night Bro. E. M. Knowles preached upon Heb. ii. 3. "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation."

BETHEL, MONDAY, 9 O'CLOCK.

Eld. L. R. Sims in the chair. Singing and prayer by Bro. J. T. Davis.

Read and adopted minutes of Saturday and Sabbath.

The report on Missions was read, and after a short discussion, participated in by brethren J. T. Davis and L. R. Sims, the body postponed any action upon the report for the present.

The report on Sabbath-schools was read, and pending its adoption, Bro. Martin addressed the body upon the subject of Sabbath-schools.

The report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

It is a fact that should cause every Baptist in this country to blush with shame and remorse, that *little* is done in this important work, which is binding on every Christian Church and every member of the church.

It is strange that christians will *neglect* any known duty, or plain command of Christ; but for them to omit a duty of so much importance is surpassingly strange.

If we were risking nothing by our neglect but that of permitting the young to grow up ignorant of religious knowledge, that would be bad enough; but when, by our neglect, we suffer the minds of our children poisoned with error, which may, some day, lead them to fight against the Church of Christ, the evil cannot be calculated.

If the Baptists would read our past history and learn what our denomination has suffered at the hands of errorists, and then judge correctly of the signs of the present times, they would engage in, and prosecute the work of Sabbath-schools.

Other denominations are *actively* and *systematically* engaged in instilling into the minds of the young their sectarian doctrines, and by that means drawing many to ultimately unite with their denominations.

The Baptists alone are idle. The Baptists—the people who alone are prepared to teach the whole truth, are negligent.

We have tried to solve the problem of this supineness, and will venture to offer a few thoughts upon it.

Baptists sometimes join in with what is improperly called "Union Sabbath-schools." This seldom fails to work badly and cause confusion. Opposites are hard to unite. The excuse that there are not children enough in any community to keep

up a Baptist Sabbath-school is a mistake, if one Baptist family with children can be found in that community.

If one family is alone, let that family have its school untrammelled. If there are two or more families that can unite is all the better. Each church should have its school and each member be a teacher or pupil.

All that can meet at the church should do so, and those who live too far from a church should have a school at home or at the house of his neighbor.

When we learn and *feel* the responsibility that rests upon each individual member; and when we are willing to work in an humble sphere, and do all the good we can, let it be much or little, then we shall see the work prosper, and then your committees will be relieved the humility of reporting *little or nothing done* in the cause of Sabbath-schools.

D. ROGERS, Chairman.

READ AND ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING REPORT ON DOCUMENTS:

We, your Committee on Documents, ask to make the following report: On examination of the various letters coming up through the delegates from the different churches, it gives us pleasure to state, that with few exceptions, they appear to be moving steadily forward, and the cause of our Master in a prosperous condition. We find that two letters, viz: Abbeville and Walnut Grove Church, each embrace a petition that your body meet with them at its next regular session. We recommend that the association hold its next session with Walnut Grove. We also find in the letter from Mt. Pleasant Church, a request that the obituary of a departed sister be inserted in the minutes of the Judson Association. While we appreciate the love and affection which our brethren of Mt. Pleasant Church may hold towards this departed sister, yet, we think to admit such obituaries for publication in our minutes, would be a questionable precedent to set, and while we offer our bereaved brethren of Mt. Pleasant Church our sympathy and condolence in the loss of a loved sister, yet we recommend their request be declined.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN T. DAVIS, Chairman.
DANIEL WILLIAMS,
A. W. WHIDDEN.

Moved and adopted, that the next session of this body be held with the church at Walnut Grove.

Moved and carried, that the body concur in the recommendation of the committee to decline publishing the obituary, as requested by Mt. Pleasant Church.

Adopted the following:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, ask to make the following report: E. M. Knowles to preach the Introductory Sermon at your next session, L. R. Sims alternate. W. A. Cumbie to write the circular letter. We name as Executive Committee, Jno. T. Davis, T. J. Farmer, Baldwin Fowler, R. W. Irwin and J. W. Malone.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. T. SMITH, Chairman.

Bro. J. T. Davis was appointed to prepare a circular letter for publication in these minutes, and the following is presented:

CIRCULAR LETTER.

INTEMPERANCE AMONG CHURCH MEMBERS.

My brethren, think it not strange that I have selected the above subject, as a basis for the remarks with which I propose to greet you, through this appointed channel. However much we may regret the fact, yet it is a mournful truth, that this great evil is fast enslaving many of our male members, who otherwise would make useful laborers in the vineyard of their Master.

All will readily admit that intemperance is a great and growing evil throughout the entire land. While it amounts to a fearful and dangerous one, when, from the force of habit, it takes fast hold upon members of the church. In order to convince you of this fact, it is not necessary for me to remind you of the many forcible admonitions and timely warnings, which we might quote from the Bible, and spread them before you as Scripture truths. Your own observations, from day to day, will but prove our assertions, and impress you with the mighty wisdom of Solomon when he says, "Wine is a mocker and strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." The moral virtues together with their contrary vices, as recorded by Solomon, have been discussed and portrayed to mankind in their strongest lights, and with all the force and power that genius and cultivated intellects could bring to bear upon such a momentous subject. Ministers of the gospel, temperance lecturers, the sober and outspoken press of the country, have all labored faithfully and earnestly in their respective and legitimate spheres, to arrest this rolling and engulphing vice, and yet it seems that intemperance, with all its attending sins, has not been thwarted or impeded in its progress of destruction.

It would appear then, that sacred warnings and admonitions, pulpit exhortations and entreaties, temperance speeches and pledges have all failed to check the angry and foaming tide of this great vice. We shudder when we think this monster evil will sap the very foundation of our church organizations, unless it can be arrested, in our own midst, and our church membership be reclaimed from

its terrible influence. I am impressed with the belief that to check this enormous vice, rests alone with the people of God. We must lose sight of our own strength to accomplish this work, and with an eye of faith look to our Heavenly Father through the medium of earnest and zealous prayer. Let us all as christians, daily approach God in fervent petitions, and ask Him to remove this great evil from our midst. If God, in answer to the constant and united prayers of His children, shall be pleased to cleanse the church of this enormous and growing vice, what an influence we might wield throughout the land in favor of temperance. O, christians! let us earnestly pray that our erring brothers may be speedily reclaimed, and may our Heavenly Father in answer to their prayers, relieve them from the strokes of a vice, which in their weakness, the force of habit has fastened upon them. And may the Church of God on earth, be represented alone by a pure and holy membership.

JOHN T. DAVIS.

The report of the Executive Committee was called for, read and withdrawn. Read and adopted the following:

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

Your Committee on Deceased Ministers report that we are thankful that all our ordained ministers have been spared through another year. But we are called to lament the death of Brethren W. H. Brown and J. W. Skipper, both licentiates, and were biding fair to be useful in the cause of the Redeemer. In their private walks they demonstrated to all around, that they had been with Jesus. While we mourn their loss we mourn not as those who have no hope. We believe they have been removed from the troubles of this world into the everlasting kingdom of Christ.

Your committee recommend for the future that your Committee on deceased ministers, also report on deceased deacons.

F. M. BUNKER,
D. WHIDDEN,
W. A. CUMBIE.

The recommendation of the above report was concurred in. Read and adopted the

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. L. Williams, Treasurer, in account with the Judson Baptist Association:

1873.		Dr.
Oct. 6,	To amount rec'd from Finance Commitee	$145 00
" " "	" " A. J. Armstrong...	5 00
" " "	" " D. Rogers, pledge.	2 00
" " "	" " W. B. Hopkins, "	1 50
" " "	cash collected on Monday.....	49 60
		$203 10

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By amount paid	Rev. P. Belcher.....	$ 96 45
" " "	D. Rogers, Clerk.....	25 00
" " "	for minutes.....	30 00
" " "	General Association.....	50 00
" " "	still on hand.....	1 65
		$203 10

1874.

Oct. 3, To amount brought down on hand this day.....$1 65

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. WILLIAMS, Treasurer.

It was ordered that ten dollars due Bro. P. Belcher be paid out of the funds on hand.

The following resolution offered by Bro. E. M. Knowles, was adopted:

Resolved, That we have our minutes printed by the SOUTHERN BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY, Memphis, Tenn.

On motion, the following was appointed a committee to investigate the reports against the Shiloh Church: A. L. Martin, W. A. Cumbie, Z. Knowles, D. Widden and Wm. Bruner.

The following query was read and answered no:

"Is it right for Baptists to let Universalists preach in their pulpits?"

It was

Resolved, That the clerk be paid thirty dollars for his services, and that thirty-five be appropriated for printing minutes.

On motion, the body decided to hold district meetings every fifth Sabbath in each district, having the churches divided into three districts.

The following brethren were appointed a Committee on Districts: F. M. Bunker, J. Malone and B. A. Forrister.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we recommend to the churches that they adopt the Bible plan of settling all difficulties existing between brethren, (only where a point of law is embraced in the premises), instead of the present plan of going to law to collect debts and other matters. R. W. IRWIN.

The following preamble and resolutions, offered by Bro. John T. Davis, were *concurred in:*

WHEREAS, It is our duty as Baptists and followers of our blessed Redeemer, to leave nothing undone (which is in our power to accomplish) in order to advance the great cause of our Master, and build up his kingdom on earth, and as this can only be accomplished by publishing and defending the truth as it is taught in the Bible, and in order that our ministers, who are laboring to establish and promulgate such truth; and

WHEREAS, We are fully aware how the secular press of the country wields a mighty power and influence in directing and controling the minds of the people; just in the same proportion does the religious press of our country wield an influence for good. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the pastor of each church within the association, be earnestly requested to impress upon their members the importance of subscribing for some Baptist religious newspaper.

Bro. E. M. Knowles offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we return our thanks to the members of Bethel Church, and other friends, who so kindly entertained us during the three days we sojourned with them.

On motion, the Association adopted THE BAPTIST, published by Elder J. R. Graves, Memphis, Tenn., as their medium of religious communication.

Bro. R. W. Irwin offered the following resolution, which was withdrawn for the present:

Be it resolved, That this body, through its Executive Committee, employ an Evangelist, whose duty it shall be to visit every church in this Association, and preach to them the true doctrine of our church, and that said brother be paid out of the funds that will be sent up to the next session of this body.

Bro. R. W. Irwin moved that this Association dissolve its connection with the General Association, and pending the decision of the body, the following brethren addressed the body and opposed the motion: A. L. Martin, L. R. Sims, W.

A. Cumbie, and D. Rogers. Brethren J. W. Malone, R. A. Crawford and Z. Knowles favored the resolution. Bro. E. M. Knowles spoke upon the question so modestly that we could not so easily locate him, but we rather think that his influence helped the majority. Bro. J. T. Davis, doubtless regretted the move, but from the evident dissatisfaction in the body and desire of some to withdraw, he was ready to vote for the motion.

The vote was taken and the motion adopted.

The resolution proposing the employment of an Evangelist was called up, and pending its adoption, the body was addressed upon the subject of giving for the spread of the gospel, by A. L. Martin, L. R. Sims, J. W. Malone, Jno. T. Davis and E. M. Knowles, and the folllowing

PLEDGES TAKEN.

Abbeville	$15 00	Wm. Whitaker, paid	$ 1 00
Adaniram	5 00	A. L. Martin	10 00
Bethel (B)	3 00	J. W. Malone	10 00
Hebron, paid	5 00	J. T. Davis	10 00
Judson	10 00	E. M. Knowles	10 00
Mt. Pleasant (Dale)	5 00	L. R. Sims	5 00
Oakey Grove	5 00	Sister E. I. Williams	5 00
Pleasant Grove	10 00	Sister L. J. Renels	5 00
Sardis	5 00	A. L. Martin	5 00
Shorterville	10 00	W. Nobles	5 00
Pilgrims Rest	5 00	A. J. Armstrong	10 00
Walnut Grove	5 00	Sister E. H. Cradock	5 00
R. W. Irwin	5 00	Wm. Brunar	5 00
T. T. Smith	5 00	M. B. Caps	5 00
D. Rogers	2 00	F. M. Bunker	10 00
D. Williams, paid	1 00	Richard Wiggins	5 00
D. Williams	5 00	G. C. Gisendinar	10 00
C. C. Whidden, paid	1 00	M. B. Shelly	10 00
S. J. Belcher, paid	2 00	S. B. Roney	2 00
J. B. Brown	2 00	Wm. A. Cumbie	5 00
Wm. Whidden	2 00	P. H. Askew	2 00
A. W. Whidden	5 00	Thos. Fears	5 00
J. R. Jorden	5 00		

The resolution referring to the employment of an Evangelist was adopted, and the matter turned over to the Executive Committee.

The Committee on Districts presented their report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRICTS.

We, your Committee, recommend that the District lines remain as heretofore established, and that each District hold a meeting on each and every fifth Sabbath, and Saturday, preceeding, with such church as the messengers from the churches shall determine, from time to time. Such meetings shall be termed UNION MEETINGS. The messengers present from each District shall determine at what church the first meeting shall be held. Each church shall be entitled to two messengers, to be chosen at their regular meetings, preceeding the Union Meeting.

The Order of Business shall be,

1st. The pastor of the church with which the meeting convenes shall act as Moderator, and the Clerk of such church shall act as Clerk of the meeting.

2d. The meeting shall be opened by singing and prayer.

3d. Call for letters and enroll messenger's names.

4th. Read and debate queries.

5th. Call for miscellaneous business.

Preaching at 11 o'clock and 3 o'clock, unless otherwise determined.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. BUNKER, Chairman.

District meetings were appointed for the 5th Sabbath in November as follows: 1st District, at Liberty; 2d District, at Hebron; 3d District, at Judson.

It was *ordered* that the money sent up for the GENERAL ASSOCIATION, and so specified, be turned over to that body.

The Report on Missions was called up, read and *adopted* and is as follows:

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

We, the Committee on Missions, submit the following report: As to missionary labor in the bounds of the Judson Association, there is none. We are pleased to say we have no destitution. Through the labors of volunteer brethren and other missionary labor, God has been pleased to christianize and build up churches all over the Judson Association.

But near us there is a large destitution in the bounds of the West Florida Association.

We would recommend the preachers of this Association to supply as much of that destitute part as they can by volunteer labor, and the Association pay them as much as she is able for their labors. Also we would recommend this Association to keep her funds in her own hands, and send her own missionary and pay her own preachers.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. KNOWLES, Chairman.

On motion, it was agreed that the employing of an Evangelist, and the mission work be turned over to the Executive Committee.

Adopted the following

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

We, your committee, after examining all the testimony received, recommend that the Association withdraw from Shiloh Church.

Submitted,

A. L. MARTIN,
W. A. CUMBIE,
Z. KNOWLES,
D. WHIDDEN,
WM. BRUNAR.

It was moved and adopted that the *decorum and articles of faith* be published in these minutes.

The Report on Finance was adopted and is as follows:

FINANCE REPORT.

NAME.	Pledges.	Minutes.	Association Purposes.
Smyrna	$ 2 75	$ 1 50	
Mt. Pleasant	2 00	2 00	
Columbia		2 00	$3 60
Mt. Pleasant (Bar)	10 00	1 50	
Walnut Grove	5 00	1 50	
Abbeville		2 00	
A. J. Armstrong	10 00		
Concord		2 00	
Shiloh	5 00	1 00	
Fellowship	5 25	1 50	
Oakey Grove		1 50	
Hebron		1 50	
E. M. Knowles	10 00		
Gordon		2 50	
Beulah		2 50	
Pilgrim's Rest	5 25	3 00	
Ebenezer	1 80	1 50	
Shorterville	11 90	2 50	
Sardis		2 00	
Bluff Springs		2 00	2 00
Pleasant Grove	14 10	2 00	
Camp Springs		1 00	
Judson	5 00	2 50	
Adaniram		2 00	

NAME.	Pledges.	Minutes.	Association Purposes.
Harmony.....		1 00	
Tolbert.....		1 50	
Pleasant Plain...		2 00	
Liberty.....		2 00	
New Hope.....		2 25	
Bethel.....	5 00		
A. F. Stanton.....	2 00		
T. B. Roney.....	10 00		
W. F. Mills.....	5 00		
D. Rogers.....	1 00		
Total.....	$111 05	$40 25	$ 5 60
Unaccounted for.	6 00		

Submitted,

T. S. STAPLETON, Chairman.

On motion, Bro. P. Belcher was paid seven dollars more, the balance which was due him on pledge. The body having no other business before it, after uniting in singing and taking the parting hand, was lead by D. Rogers in prayer, and adjourned to meet with Walnut Grove Church, Saturday before the first Sabbath in October next.

L. M. SIMS, Moderator.

DAVID ROGERS, Clerk.

Church Directory No. 1.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.
Abbeville.	A. L. Martin.	Abbeville.
Adaniram.	E. M Knowles.	Columbia.
Bethel.	D. Whidden.	Abbeville.
Beulah.	J. C. Skipper.	Dothan.
Bluff Spring.	Wm. Brunar.	Columbia.
Camp Spring.	R. C. Kirkland.	"
Columbia.	A. L. Martin.	Abbeville.
Concord.	M. Brackin.	"
Ebenezer.	Wm. Brunar.	Columbia.
Fellowship.	Wm. A. Cumbie.	Abbeville.
Gordon.	L. R. Sims.	Franklin.
Hebron.	E. M. Knowles.	Columbia.
Harmony.	R. A. Crawford.	Gordon.
Judson.	A. L. Martin.	Abbeville.
Liberty.	Wm. Brunar.	Columbia.
Mt. Pleasant.	J. C. Skipper.	Dothan.
Mt. Liberty, (B.)	No pastor.	
New Hope.	B. Herendon.	Franklin.
Oakey Grove.	D. Whidden.	Abbeville.
Pleasant Plains.	M. Brackin.	"
Pleasant Grove.	Wm. A. Cumbie.	"
Pilgrim's Rest.	D. Rogers.	Gordon.
Sardis.	Wm. A. Cumbie.	Abbeville.
Shorterville.	L. R. Sims.	Franklin.
Smyrna.	E. M. Knowles.	Columbia.
Tolbert.	Z. Knowles.	Headland.
Walnut Grove.	E. M. Knowles.	Columbia.

Church Directory No. 2.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	DAYS OF MEETING
Abbeville.	R. Stokes.	Abbeville.	2d Sabbath
Adaniram.	G. T. Roberts.	Franklin.	" "
Bethel.	M. E. Smith.	White Pond.	4th "
Beulah.	G. W. Harris.	Headland.	2d "
Bluff Springs	E. E. Meadows.	Gordon.	" "
Camp Springs.	L. N. Palmer.	Columbia.	" "
Columbia.	L. F. Oakey.	"	3d "
Concord.	W. W. McLain.	Abbeville.	" "
Ebenezer.	M. Buie.	Columbia.	" "
Fellowship.	H. Wiggins.	Abbeville.	4th "
Gordon.	W. B. Howard.	Gordon.	" "
Hebron.	T. L. Granberry.	Columbia.	3d "
Harmony.	L. C. Wootten.	Gordon.	" "
Judson.	J. W. Malone.	Franklin.	1st "
Liberty.	G. W. Chandler.	Gordon.	4th "
Mt. Pleasant.	A. Armstrong.	Headland.	" "
Mt. Peasant, (B.)	Thos. Espy.	Kings.	3d "
New Hope.	A. Starling.	Franklin.	4th "
Oakey Grove.	W. G. G. Morning.	Abbeville.	3d "
Pleasant Plains.	A. F. Stanton.	Columbia.	2d "
Pleasant Grove.	J. E. Ward.	Abbeville.	3d "
Pilgrim's Rest.	T. S. Stapleton.	Gordon.	1st "
Sardis.	R. S. Jerkins.	Abbeville.	2d "
Shorterville.	B. G. Fortson.	Franklin.	3d "
Smyrna.	W. F. Jorden.	Columbia.	1st "
Tolbert.	M. P. Shelly.	Headland.	4th "
Walnut Grove.	T. S. Scott.	Columbia.	" "

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ART. XI. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

ART. XII. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances, unless he is called of God, and come under the imposition of hands by a presbytery, and is in fellowship in the church of which he is a member.

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CHURCHES.	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total	For Minutes	For Associational purposes	For Missions
Abbeville	10	5					40	$ 1 50		
Adaniram	1	1	1	5	6	3	75	2 00		
Bethel	5			3	3		64			
Beulah	10	2				3	82			
Bluff Springs	5	2	1			1	35	2 00	$ 2 00	
Camp Springs	4	1	1	2			29	1 00		
Columbia	1	3		4			53	2 00	3 60	
Concord	7	5	1	4	5		114	2 00		
Ebenezer	3	2		6	8		60	1 50		$ 1 00
Fellowship	10	2	2	4	1		43	1 50		5 00
Gordon	1				1	1	31	2 50		
Hebron	1			1	1	1	39	1 50		
Harmony	7	4		2			24	1 00		
Judson	1					1	99	2 50		5 00
Liberty	2	2	1	8	3		64	2 00		
Mount Pleasant	11	3	1	5	3		51	2 00		2 00
Mount Pleasant, B						1	68	1 50		10 00
New Hope	8	1		5	6	2	69	2 25		
Oaky Grove	6	1	2	5	6	1	77	1 50		
Pleasant Plains	10	3		3	4	1	82	2 00		
Pleasant Grove	7	3		4	1		59	2 00	5 00	
Pleasant Hill	2	3			8		45			
Pilgrims Rest	2	6		10	2	2	61	3 00		5 25
Sardis	25	4	3	8	7	2	85	2 60		
Shorterville	4	2			4	1	113	2 50		11 9
Smyrna	19	8	2	5	3	2	94	1 50	2 75	
Shiloh				1	16		39	1 00		5 00
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